

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week February 6, 2018 through February 11, 2018.

Tuesday

02/06/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Friday's eight race program was completed at 1:30 p.m. consisting of four Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races. Fifty-three (53) horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, three year olds and upward, claiming \$6250, at 330 yards. The race was called off with one entry.

(4) RACING SURFACE RENOVATION

Los Alamitos racing surface was closed for training from Monday, February 5, until Thursday, February 8, to remove a buildup of excess material that has accumulated over time.

(5) JIMENEZ COMPLAINT #18LA004 (REF: 2-2-2018 #4)

As agreed Mr. Jimenez has settled his delinquent account with Finish Line Self Insurance concluding case #18LA004.

Wednesday

02/07/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Friday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in three jockey changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 12:30 p.m. consisting of five Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races. The program will be highlighted by the \$215,450 Grade I Los Alamitos Winter Derby at a distance of 400 yards. Sixty-two (62) horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens three years old, claiming \$8,000 at 300 yards. The race was called off with five entries, 2 Cal-Breds.

Thursday

02/08/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Saturday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in one jockey change.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's nine race program will feature the \$157,250 Grade I Brad McKinzie Winter Championship.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, fillies and mares three year olds and upward, at 300 yards. The race was called off with no entries.

Friday

02/09/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Sunday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no changes.

(2) JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ RULING

RULING # 29

PENDING A FORMAL HEARING, JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS SUMMARILY SUSPENDED FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE), #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RAMON SANCHEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after California Horse Racing Board Investigators reported Mr. Sanchez had tested positive for cocaine and had contraband in his vehicle.

(3) RULING #30 - #31

RULING # 30

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2018.

RULING # 31

JOCKEY G JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2018.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the above named riders violated CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6) use of riding crop.

(4) JUAN ALEMAN (CASE #17LA0381)

Trainer Juan Aleman appeared in response to a complaint filed against him by the California

Horse Racing Board alleging a double medication violation (Phenylbutazone 0.5 ug/ml and Flunxin 14.4 ng/ml) detected in his horse "Honeymoon Candy", who finished first in the third race on December 1, 2017.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator Kevin Kitashima presented the case and Mr. Aleman waived his rights to counsel.

Mr. Aleman testified that "Honeymoon Candy" was treated by his veterinarian Anita Yacoub. He further stated his veterinarian performs all the administration of medication to his horses. Decision to follow.

(5) ALEMAN RULING

After considering the testimony presented and taking into account that Mr. Aleman has not had any 1844 (c) violations within the last thirty-six (36) months, we issued the following ruling:

RULING # 32

TRAINER JUAN ALEMAN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "HONEYMOON CANDY", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 1, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (C) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-MORE THAN ONE APPROVED NSAID – PHENYLBUTAZONE (0.5UG/ML) AND FLUNIXIN (14.4UG/ML).

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Royal Red (Tr. Charles Treece) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$2,670.00
2nd Race #3 Our Nation (Tr. Angela Aquino) claimed – Tr. Jesus Nunez
4th Race #2 Big Energy (Tr. Jesus Nunez) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$206.00
5th Race #2 Casons Dream (Tr. Raul Corona) Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$212.00
6th Race #8 Time For Stoli (Jockey R. Sanchez) Stewards –replaced by Jockey J. Ayala
#9 DeMoss (Jockey Carlos Huerta) Sick – replaced by Jockey Alex Carrillo
7th Race #4 My Favorite Check (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) Stewards – replaced by Jockey Jesus Ayala

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	664	On Track Handle:	\$67,731.00
Off Track Attendance:	1,789	Off Track Handle:	\$216,149.10
Total:	2,453	Out of State:	\$695,307.10
			\$979,187.20

Saturday
02/10/18

(1) RULINGS #33

RULING # 33

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 9, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey R. Arvizu was observed violating CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6) use of riding crop.

(2) APPRENTICE JOCKEY KELLIE MCDAID

After riding her fifth winner in the second race on Friday, February 9, Ms. McDaid's apprentice allowance will now be reduced to 7lbs.

(3) 2ND RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second race the inquiry sign was posted for a review of observed interference involving #6 Separate Hennessy (2nd place – Jockey Minor Arana) and #5 Teddy Brewsky (3rd place – Jockey Efrain Hernandez) near the sixteenth pole.

After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the video replay #6 was disqualified from 2nd to 3rd. the replay shows #6 drifting out into the path of #5 placing that rival on heels forcing Jockey Hernandez to check his mount and lose the opportunity for a better placing. The decision was unanimous.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #7 Sakab (Tr. Christopher O'Dell) – claimed – Tr. Jesus Nunez
3rd Race #1 Lady Sif (Tr. Jesus Nunez) – claimed – Tr. Kelly Castaneda
5th Race #3 Heart Thru Fire Jess (Jockey Carols Huerta) - Sick, replaced by Jonathan Roman
7th Race #3 Purr Haps (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) – Stewards – replaced by Jockey Jorge Bourdieu
9th Race #2 Yanque (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) – Stewards – replaced by Jockey Jorge Bourdieu
#8 Fire And Sass (Jockey Carlos Huerta) Sick – replaced by Jockey Eulices Gomez

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	877	On Track Handle:	\$115,113.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,798</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$317,259.60
Total:	2,675	Out of State:	<u>\$894,992.70</u>
			\$1,327,366.10

Sunday

02/11/2018

(1) RULING #34

RULING # 34

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA39723, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "SAGITA", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 14, 2018, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (298 pg/ml) (CLASS III), IT IS ORDERED THAT "SAGITA" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE 1895.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$5500.00) EARNED BY OWNER JOSE ABEL DOMINGUEZ, TRAINER RAMIRO ZUAZO AND JOCKEY G.JAIRO RANGEL BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY MARCH 14, 2018, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – ALL KINDS OF KIND
2nd – AMERICAN FORCE
3rd – MARKO CZECH
4th – FRENCH FURY
5th – FIX YUR EYES ON ME

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

After notifying both owner and trainer that a disqualification hearing would be conducted this afternoon and all parties having declined to be present, the above ruling was issued.

(2) RULING #35-#36

RULING # 35

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND FILM REVIEW ON FEBRUARY 11, 2018.

RULING # 36

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – FIFTH OFFENSE

WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2018.

The foregoing rulings were issued after Jockey Jairo Rangel failed to appear in the Stewards Office as requested and the films confirmed the violation of CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6) use of riding crop.

(3) RULING # 37

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JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nicasio was observed to be in violation of CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6) use of riding crop.

(4) RULING #38

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JOCKEY MINOR ARANA, WHO RODE "SEPARATE HENNESSY" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 18TH, 23RD, AND 24TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO THIRD POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Arana met with the Stewards and failed to provide a reasonable excuse for his failure to correct his mount's course before causing interference.

(5) SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards immediately posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to evaluate an incident at the start where #2 "Dual Cartel" (Jockey Jesus Ayala) stumbled at the break, unseating his rider. No injury to rider or horse.

(6) NINTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards immediately posted the inquiry sign following the running of the ninth race (Quarter Horse – 400 yards) to review an incident near the 1/16th pole. Involved were #6 "Worth Doing" (8th- Jockey Cruz Mendez) and #7 "Seared" (9th – Jockey Eulices Gomez). After speaking with riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 from eighth to ninth position. Replays show #6 shifts out sharply, bumping and impeding #7 off stride, costing the latter an opportunity of a better placing.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Rock N Doc (Tr. Stacy Locke) insurance – Stewards Refund \$819.00
2nd Race #3 Holy Plan (Tr. Rene Amescua) claimed – Tr. Charles Treece
#4 Sallyana (Tr. Lorenzo Ruiz) claimed – Tr. Jesus Nunez
4th Race #1 Valiant JB (Tr. Pat Visscher) sick- Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$106.00
#2 Noonly (Tr. Scott Willoughby) sick- Dr. Beck Refund \$209.00
#6 Grandma Ruth (Tr. Mike Casselman) injured at gate- Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$17,914.00
6th Race #2 Sansa (Jockey Rodrigo Aceves) sick – Replaced by Carlos Gomez
7th Race #4 Jess My Moment (Jockey R. Aceves) Replaced by Oscar Peinado
8th Race #3 Boxcar Willi (Tr. Lindolfo Diaz) Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$197.00
#4 Apollitical Perfected (Tr. Valentin Zamudio) – claimed Tr. Yanet Rodriguez

9th Race #6 Frozen Icon (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) Stewards replaced by Jesus Ayala
 #5 Kiss By An Eagle (Jockey R. Sanchez) Stewards replaced by Carlos Gomez
 #10 He Loos Hot (Tr. S. Willoughby) Stake scratch – Stewards refund: \$1,811.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	620	On Track Handle:	\$120,482.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,701</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$426,195.10
Total:	2,321	Out of State:	<u>\$1,010,434.44</u>
			\$1,557,111.64

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 11, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period seven horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows, 3 for injury and 4 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
 SUMMARY
 2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/09	SAT 02/10	SUN 02/11	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		1	2	3	6	46
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	1	2	5
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	2	3	10
REFUNDS		A			3	0	6	9	52
RULINGS			Y		4	1	4	9	37
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	7

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ron Church, James Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

 Ron Church (Steward)

 James Dreyer (Steward)

 Tom Ward (Steward)

 David Nuesch (Safety Steward)